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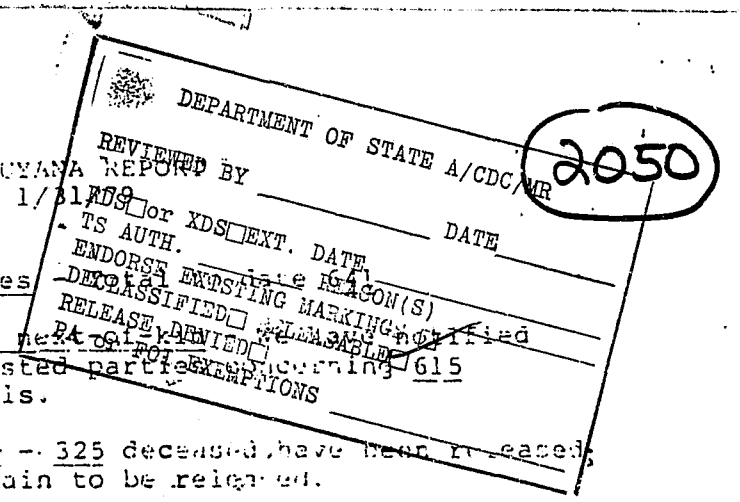

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1. Identified bodies -

2. Notification of next of kin - notified next-of-kin/interested parties concerning 615 deceased individuals.

3. Released bodies - 325 deceased have been released; 316 identified remain to be released.

4. Burial and/or Cremation in Neighboring States -

A. On Wednesday, January 24, 1979, Mike White, CA, Colonel William Mall, Commander, Dover Air Force Base, Lt. Col. William MacDonald and Staff Judge Advocate, Major Bob Giovagnoni, met with State Senator Herman Holloway to discuss Delaware House Joint Resolution No. 4, proposed by Representative Michael Harrington of Dover which requests that Delaware's Congressional delegation make known to the State Department that the people of Delaware do not want any bodies of the Jonestown deceased buried in that state. Senator Holloway said that he felt he could get the resolution tabled but that he would like government representatives to present their point of view to the Senate. Written invitations to this end had been sent by him to Colonel Mall and to Barbara Watson.

Accordingly, the following day Colonel Mall and Mr. White delivered speeches on the floor of the Senate at a public hearing. Mr. White fielded a number of questions from the Senators. In his speech he stressed that no decision had been reached regarding the ultimate disposition of the Jonestown deceased. He added that none would be reached until all responsible state officials from the Governors' offices of the state (s) where the deceased would be buried or cremated had been contacted and input provided by them. He added that Delaware officials had been constantly contacted and cited the dates of such contacts. Mr. White said that the Department's emphasis to date however, had been simply upon the less controversial issue, whether next of kin could bury in Delaware on an individual basis.

B. Pennsylvania - The State registrar of vital statistics is forwarding a letter stating that our documentation for the victims satisfies state law regarding burial/cremation in Pennsylvania.

C. Virginia - Press reports of the last week indicate that the Attorney General is satisfied that our documentation of the victims would be sufficient to bury or cremate in Virginia. A letter from Attorney General is being forwarded.

D. New Jersey - Cremations are presently being done in New Jersey. We have requested, for the record, a statement from the Attorney General that our documentation is sufficient for burial in New Jersey.

E. Maryland - Discussions are in progress with the new administration regarding burial/cremation. We have received a number of written proposals from cemeteries in Maryland.

5. DOD - Indications are that DOD, MAC headquarters, and Dover AFB will require that the remaining bodies be removed from Dover AFB no later than April 1, because a new division and its equipment will be moving onto the base.

6. California Dissolution Proceedings - In the proceeding before the Superior Court, Judge Brown gave the Guyana Emergency Relief Committee one month to submit a plan regarding the transportation and disposition of the bodies remaining at Dover AFB. In the absence of total cooperation by the Department it is unlikely that the Committee will be able to effectively set forth a realistic, organized plan taking into account all the variables.

7. Coroner's Inquest Report from Guyana - We have received the report, and the exhibits to the report will be available to the Embassy by Friday.

8. California Birth Certificates - We are attempting to obtain birth certificates for those unidentified victims who were born in California. The birth certificate will indicate the hospital in which the child was born. Hopefully, we will then be able to secure medical records (footprints) from the hospitals. However, the State has requested, citing proposition 13, that a $3.00 fee be paid for each certificate. Mr. Gise suggested that we contact Ambassador Beverly Carter's office and see if the fee can be waived.